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### **Rep. Tymniak Sees Environmental Results toward Cleaner Long Island Sound**



State Rep. Cathy C. Tymniak, R-133, said a new Fairfield sewage treatment system funded with \$37.5 million in state financial assistance is producing significant results toward a cleaner Long Island Sound.

Rep. Tymniak said nitrogen discharge from Fairfield's sewage treatment plant has dropped by more than half, since the new sewage treatment plant went online and became fully functioning.

"Clearly, the nitrogen reduction program put into effect by the town of Fairfield is producing results in improving the quality of Long Island Sound," said Rep. Tymniak. "This is a case of state and local cooperation making a difference in helping to reduce nitrogen in the water which benefits our beaches and local marine life."

"We need to continue funding these programs to improve sewage treatment and enhance water quality in Long Island Sound," she added.

According to data from the Fairfield Water Pollution Control Authority, Fairfield's end of pipe total nitrogen discharge has fallen by more than 50 percent and is well within the limits set by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

The data is as follows:

	Actual	NPDES Limit	2014 limit
2002 (Jan-Jun)	888 lbs/day	811 lbs/day	406 lbs/day
2005	383 lbs/day	598 lbs/day	406 lbs/day

Rep. Tymniak said 2006 data may not be as favorable, due to unusually heavy spring and summer rainfall that entered into the aging sewage collection system and reduced the effectiveness of the nitrogen removal at the treatment plant. The sewer authority is working on plans to remove inflow and infiltration of storm water into the sewage system.

*Rep. Tymniak serves the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District of Fairfield and Westport in the state House of Representatives.*

